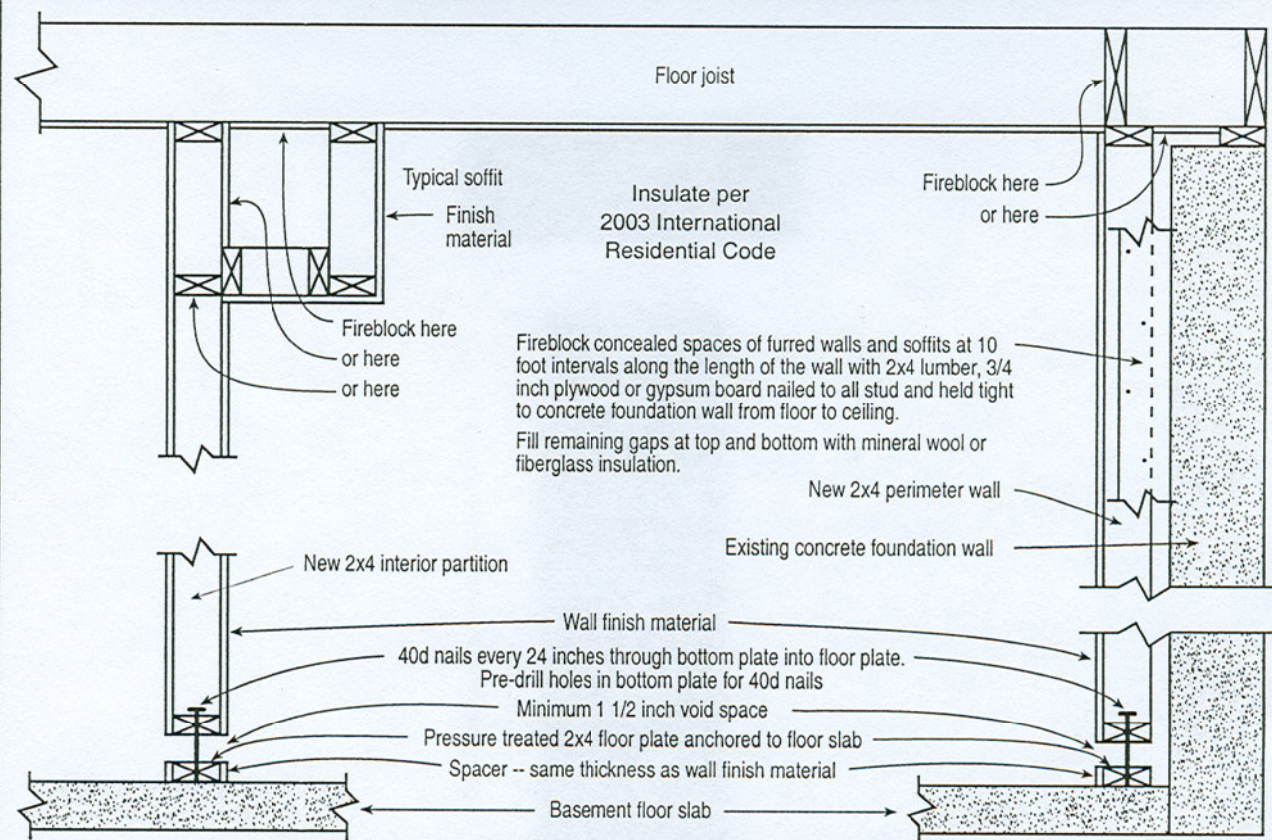


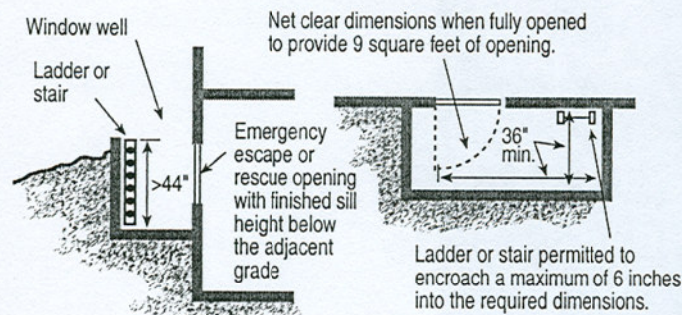
Single Family Residential Basement Finish

Basement Finish Details



Emergency Escape & Rescue Window Well

Emergency Escape And Rescue window wells must provide a minimum area of 9 square feet with a minimum dimension of 36 inches and shall enable the window to open fully. If the depth of the window well exceeds 44 inches, a permanently affixed ladder must be provided. The ladder must not interfere with the operation of the window.

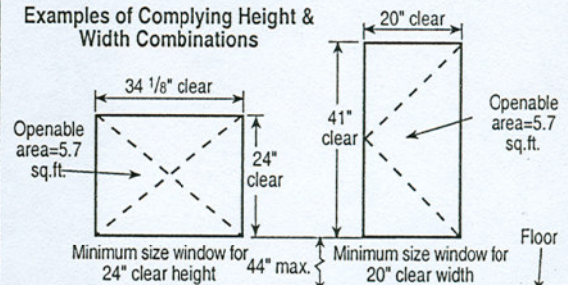


Emergency Escape & Rescue Window

Emergency Escape And Rescue Windows must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum total openable area of not less than 5.7 square feet
- A minimum clear openable height of not less than 24 inches
- A minimum clear openable width of not less than 20 inches.
- A finished sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor and should be openable from the inside with normal operation and without the use of tools, keys or effort.

Examples of Complying Height & Width Combinations



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